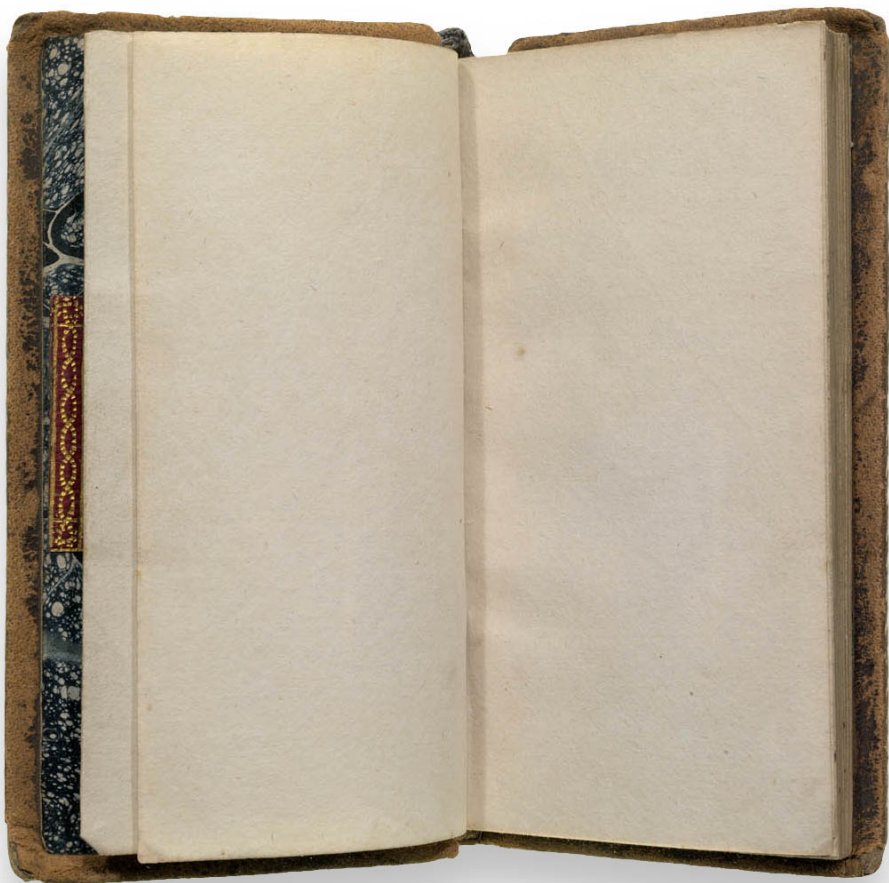




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PSAL.

PRAYERS

IN THE

MORNING.

PSAL. LV. 18.

In the Morning and Evening, and at Noon-day, will I pray, and that instantly; and he shall hear my Voice.

At Uprising.

Every Day let the first thing you do, and the first Words you speak, tend to the Worship and Acknowledgment of Almighty God.

For upon our first Thoughts commonly the Thoughts and Actions of the whole Day do depend: Therefore when you first awake in the Morning, lift up your Heart to God, and say,

10 *In the Morning.*

I.

BLessed be the most
holy, glorious, and
undefiled TRINITY, now
and for evermore.

II.

Blessed art thou, O
Lord, who enlightenest
mine Eyes, and sufferest
me not to sleep in death.

III.

Blessed art thou, for
thou hast created all
things, and for thy Will
fake they are, and were
created.

IV.

The Almighty Lord
be now and evermore

In the Morning. 11

my defence, and vouch-
safe to bless and preserve
me from all evil this day
and for ever. *Amen.*

When you are risen,

*Retire yourself, and hum-
bly kneeling adore God,
and say,*

O Holy Lord God
Almighty, before
whom all Knees do bend
and to whom all Crea-
tures in Heaven and
Earth do bow and obey,
behold, here I pro-
strate myself before thee,
adoring

adoring the Divine
 excellency of thy sovereignty
 and infinite Majesty
 with all the Powers
 of my Soul, submitting
 myself with all lowliness and
 reverence to the great-
 ness of Thy Dominion
 and Power, and desiring
 nothing more than faith-
 fully to serve thee all the
 days of my Life, for Thou
 only art Holy, Thou on-
 ly art the Lord: and Glo-
 ry be to thee, O Lord
 most High. *Amen.*



Having

*Having thus made your
 Adoration and Submis-
 sion to God, let these be
 your Prayers and Devot-
 ions every Morning.*

OUR Father, which
 art in Heaven;
 Hallowed be thy Name.
 Thy Kingdom come.
 Thy Will be done in
 Earth, As it is in Hea-
 ven. Give us this Day
 our daily Bread. And
 forgive us our Trespases,
 As we forgive them that
 Trespas against us. And
 lead us not into Tempta-
 tion;

14 *In the Morning.*

tion; but deliver us from
Evil. For thine is the
Kingdom, and the Power,
and the Glory, forever and
ever. *Amen.*

*A Confession of Sins, and
Prayers for Pardon.*

I.

Almighty God, unto
whom all Hearts
be open, all Desires
known, and from whom
no Secrets are hid;
come unto thee in the
multitude of thy Mercies,
and in thy Fear
I cast myself down before
for

In the Morning. 15

fore thee, most humbly
lamenting my Sins, and
craving of Thee, the
God of all Mercy and
Goodness, perfect Re-
mission and Forgiveness,
through Jesus Christ our
LORD. *Amen.*

II.

O Thou Maker of all
Things, and Judge
of all Men, I acknow-
ledge and bewail the
great and manifold Sins
which from time to time
I have most grievously
committed, by my
Thoughts, Words, and
Deeds,

16 *In the Morning.*

Deeds, against thy holiness
Holy Commandments and pureness of Life, to
provoking thereby the Honour and Glory
justly thy Wrath and of thy blessed Name,
Indignation against me through Christ our Lord.
I do earnestly Repent *Amen.*

and am heartily sorry
for these my Misdoings

O rebuke me not

thy Indignation, nei-

ther chasten me in thy

heavy Displeasure:

but have mercy upon me,

for thy Goodness, have

mercy upon me, and for-

give me all that is past

and grant that I may

always study to serve

thee, and please thee

here-

In the Morning. 17

The Psalm.

THE Lord is loving
unto every Man,
and his Mercy is over all
his Works.

He forgiveth us all
our Sins, and hath com-
passion upon all our In-
firmities.

His Loving-kindness is
better than Life itself,
and

and therefore shall
Soul praise him.

Blessed art thou,
Lord, who wilt not
out my Prayer, nor
away thy Mercy
me.

As long as I live
I magnify thee on
manner, and lift up
Hands in thy Name.

Glory be to the Father
and to the Son, and to
Holy Ghost;

As it was in the Beginning,
ning, is now, and shall
evermore. Amen.

The Lesson.

Take heed that ye walk
circumspectly, redeem-
ing the Time, because the
Days are evil. Be fervent

in good Works, and serve
the Lord with all gladness
of Heart. Be patient in
Tribulation, and continue
instant in Prayer. Be

Courteous and Meek; and
as much as lieth in you, live
peaceably with all Men, and

whatsoever ye would that
others should do unto you,
do so to them; for this is
the Law and the Prophets.

The

20 *In the Morning.*

The Hymn.

Vouchsafe, O Lord
to keep me
day without Sin.

In the Morning. 21

To keep all harm, all ill
away,
While I duly spend the
Day.

Or this.

To shut and close
wandring Eye,
Lest it let in Vanity:
To keep my Heart
pure and free
From fond and trouble
Fantasy;
To guide my Tongue
so that no Strife
May breed disquiet
my Life:

O Holy Ghost, my
Soul inspire,
And lighten with cele-
stial Fire.
Thy blessed Unction
from above
Is Comfort, Life, and
Fire of Love,
Anoint and clear my
soiled Face
With the abundance of
Thy Grace.

Be

Be thou my joy, my
my home,

Where thou art so,
ill can come.

Teach me to know

Father, Son,

And Thee of both
but One:

That day by day, all

Life long

This may be my en
Song;

To thee all Hon

Praise and Merit,

Father, Son, and

Spirit. *Amen.*



A Devout Confession
of our Christian and
Catholic Faith.

*With Explications and
Prayers relating there-
unto.*

I. **I** Believe in thee, O
God the Father Al-
mighty, Maker of Heaven
and Earth; loving thee
as my Father, reverence-
ing thee as the *Almigh-
ty*, and committing my
Soul and my Body to
thee as to a faithful
Creator.

Creator. Thou art
thy, O Lord, to receive
Glory, Honour,
Power, for thou
created all things, and
thy Will's sake they
and *were created*.

II. *I believe in Thee*
O thou King of Gl
the everlasting Son of
the Father; and our L
Jesus Christ, the G
Mystery of Godlin
God manifest in
Flesh, and sent into
World for our etern
Salvation in the Wo
to come.

III. *I believe that*

wast conceived by the Holy
Ghost, and born of the Bless-
ed Virgin Mary without
Spot of Sin, thereby to
cleanse us from all Sin.

IV. I believe that thou
didst suffer what other-
wise we must have suffer-
ed for ever. That thou
wast Crucified to set us
free from the Curse of
the Law.

That thou didst die,
and thereby take away
the Sting of Death.

That thou wast *buried*
in the Grave, and hadst
the Victory over it; to
assure us that our Bodies

B shall

shall not corrupt the
for ever.

V. I believe that thou
didst *Descend into Hell*
to triumph over it,
to free us from the
of ever coming into
Place.

That the *Third Day*
thou didst *rise again*
the Dead in our Name
the First-fruits of the
that are asleep in the
Graves, who are therefore
assured that they
shall not sleep there
ever.

VI. I believe that thou
didst *Ascend up into*

Heaven, there to prepare a
Place for us.

That thou now *sittest*
at the Right Hand of God
the Father Almighty, there
to make Intercession for
us, our only Advocate
with the Father.

VII. I believe that
thence thou shalt come to
receive us, and to be the
Judge of the Quick and
the Dead, after which
thy Kingdom shall have
no End.

All this I stedfastly
believe of thee, O my
Blessed Saviour, beseech-
ing thee to give me

B 2 Grace,

Grace, that I may
 made conformable to
 Image; in Faith, to
 Conception; in Humility
 to thy Birth; in Sympathy
 to thy Passion; in
 Mortifying my
 to thy Death and Buriall
 to thy Descent into Hell
 by frequent Meditation
 thereon; and to thy
 resurrection, by my
 from Sin to Newness
 Life: to thine Ascension
 by seeking after
 things which be above
 and to thy Coming
 Judgment, by judging
 self here, that I may

be there condemned with
 the World.

VIII. I believe also in
 Thee, O Holy Spirit, the
 Lord and Giver of Life,
 the Infuser of all Heavenly
 Graces, and the Leader
 of thy Church in all the
 ways of Truth and Ho-
 lineſs.

IX. I believe therefore
 the Holy Catholick Church,
 the Mystical Body of
 CHRIST, whereof He is
 the only Head.

I believe the Communi-
 on of Saints, being joined
 together in Faith, Hope,
 and Charity, and mutu-

30 *In the Morning.*

ally participating of
another's Prayers.

X. I believe the
remission of Sins in the
World, given and sealed
to us by the sacred
ordinances of God.

XI. I believe the
resurrection of our Bodies
at the End of the World,
we be united to our Souls.

XII. And I believe
the Life Eternal in the
World to come, where
we shall be in Happiness
with CHRIST for ever
Amen.

In the Morning. 31

PRAYERS.

I.

A Almighty God who
of thy Goodness
hast defended me from
the Perils of this Night,
and safely brought me
to the beginning of this
Day, preserve me in the
same, I most humbly be-
seech thee, by thy mighty
Power, from all Sin
and Danger, through Je-
sus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

A Almighty and Ever-
living God, vouch-
safe, I beseech thee, to
B 4 direct

direct, sanctify, and
 vern both my Soul
 Body in the Ways of
 Laws, and in the Wo
 of thy Commandmen
 that through thy m
 gracious Protection,
 may be preserved fr
 all Evil, both this
 and for ever, thro
 JESUS CHRIST our L
Amen.

III.

Possess my Mind,
 Lord, continu
 with thy Presence,
 make me to have a p
 petual fear and love
 Thy Holy Name, re

ing me to do those things
 that may be pleasing to
 Thee and profitable to
 my Salvation, through
 JESUS CHRIST our Lord.
Amen.

IV.

LEAD me forth, O
 Lord, in thy Truth,
 and learn me; for Thou
 art the God of my Salva-
 tion, and in Thee shall
 be my Hope all the Day
 long.

V.

TO Thee, O King E-
 ternal, be all Glo-
 ry and Honour, now and
 for ever. *Amen.*

*Conclude your Prayer
with a remembrance
all your Friends, and
all them that belong unto
you, saying,*

INto thy Blessed Hand
and Protection,
Lord, I commend my
Spirit, Soul and Body
together with all Them
whom thou hast graciously
given unto me, and
to whom I do any way
relate: Preserve them
O Lord, in thy Favour
and Fear, increasing and
multiplying thy Blessings
upon them, and forgive them

them their Sins; keep
them in perpetual Peace
and Safety, for the Love
of thy only Son JESUS
CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

*And ask Pardon for all the
Distractions and Irrever-
ences committed by you in
his Divine Presence, dur-
ing this Time that you have
spoken to him.*





A BRIEF
LITANY
OF
PRAYERS
FOR
EVERY DAY.



*A brief LITANY for
every Day.*

O Most Blessed, Un-
divided and Glori-
ous TRINITY, and one
Eternal God,

Have Mercy upon me.

Call to remembrance,
O Lord, thy tender Mercies which have been
ever of old; and remember not my Offences, nor
the Offences of our Fore-
fathers; but after thy
great Goodness have Mer-
cy, and spare me, whom
thy Son our Lord hath
redeemed with his most
precious Blood,

Have

*Have Mercy upon me,
spare me, O Lord.*

From all Evil and Malice
chief, from Pride and
Vain-glory, and from
the Deceits of the World,
the Flesh and the Devil,

Good Lord deliver me.

From all Perils and
Dangers, both of my Soul
and Body, from extren-
ty of Sickness, and from
sudden Death,

Good Lord deliver me.

By thy manifold and
great Mercies, by the
Mercies of our Blessed
SAVIOUR, by his bitter
Cross and Passion,

his mighty Resurrection,
by his most glorious As-
cension, and by his most
effectual and acceptable
Intercession,

Good Lord deliver me.

In all Time of Tribula-
tion and Adversity, in the
Time of my last and great-
est Need, in the Hour of
Death, and at the Day of
Judgment,

Good Lord deliver me.

Deliver me, O Lord, as
Thou hast delivered all
thy blessed Saints and
Servants, from the guilt
and burden of my Sins,
and from thy Wrath
and

and everlasting Indignation.

Good Lord, I beseech thee to hear me.

That it may please Thee to preserve me in Thy Faith, Fear and Love; and that I may evermore have Assistance in thy Mercy, and opportunity to serve Thee in Holiness and Purity of Life.

Good Lord, I beseech thee to hear me.

That it may please thee daily to increase in me thy manifold Gifts of Grace, and that I may bring

bring forth the Fruits of the Spirit, and ever seek thy Honour and Glory.

Good Lord, I beseech thee to hear me.

That it may please thee to have Mercy upon all Men.

Good Lord, I beseech thee to hear me.

That it may please thee to save and preserve our most Gracious King, and all the Royal Family.

Good Lord, I beseech thee to hear me.

That it may please thee to reduce them that have gone astray from thy

thy Ways, to comfort
 them that are in Sorrows
 to relieve them that are
 in Need and Tribulation
 and to amend all our
 Lives according to the
 Holy Word.

*Good Lord, I beseech
 thee to hear me.*

*O Lord God, Lamb
 of God, Son of the Father
 that takest away the Sins
 of the World,*

*Have mercy upon us,
 and grant me
 Peace. Amen.*

RULE



RULES

AND

PRAYERS

FOR THE

AFTERNOON.



RULES and ADVERTISEMENTS how to employ your Time.

I.

PAss the Day in such Employments as may be most meet and agreeable to that Condition of Life wherein God hath placed you.

II.

Come not to the Place where Sin dwells, and avoid all corrupt Company whereto it resorts. Religion hath no greater Enemy than conversing with such; of whom

whom your Heart tells
you that there is need
Faith nor Fear of
in them.

III.

Be careful to demean
yourself affably and pe-
cuniarily towards all
with whom you
have just Occasion
to converse.

IV.

Let not either your
Actions or your Dispo-
sitions be vain and frivolous
but tending either
to improve your Judgment
or to better your
condition.

V.

If you have the Govern-
ment of a Family, take
special heed that they
live not disorderly or
idly, to the Offence of
Almighty God, and the
Scandal of others.

VI.

And forget not (as often
as you can) to be pre-
sent, and to assist at the
publick Offices and Di-
vine Services of the
Church, there to at-
tend and perform the
Homage and Worship
of Almighty God, and
to be instructed in his
C bely

*holy Word ; for that
Duty and a Service
highly pleasing to him.*

VII.

*Remember (and you
much help yourself, if
remember it) that
are continually in
Presence of God,
ought to live contin-
in his Fear, and in O-
bedience to his Commu-
nions.*

VIII.

*Upon all Occasions
to you, exercise
Charity, and let
the Day pass you*

*out some good Work done
by you, either of real
Honour to God, or of
real Charity to them
that want it.*

AFTERNOON.

*Afternoon retire yourself
a while, and use the
Psalm, Lesson, Hymn,
and Prayers following.*

UNto thee I lift up
mine Eyes, O thou
that dwellest in the Hea-
vens: My Soul waiteth
still upon thee, that thou
mayest bless me.

O hearken thou unto
the Voice of my Calling;
my King and my God
for unto Thee do I make
my Prayers.

Shew thou me
Way that I should wal-
k in, and teach me to
the Thing that pleases
Thee.

I will take heed to
Ways, that I offend not
in my Tongue; and I will
make a Covenant with
mine Eyes, that they be-
hold not Vanity.

O let not my Feet
steps err from the Path
of thy Commandment.

But let my Delight be in
walking after the Pre-
cepts of thy Law.

Thy Law is an unde-
filed Law, converting the
Soul, and giving Light
unto the Eyes.

Keep thy Servant from
all presumptuous Sins
that they may not get the
Dominion over me; and
cleanse thou me from all
my secret Faults.

That so I may be ac-
ceptable in thy Sight, O
Lord, my Strength and
my Redeemer.

Glory be to the Fa-
ther, —

The Lesson.

IF Sinners entice thee do not thou come unto them. These Things doth the Lord abhor, a proud Look and a proud Tongue, an Heart that devises Wickedness and is chief, a false Witness that speaketh not the Truth, who soever soweth Dissension among others. In the multitude of Words there shall be Sin. Keep Innocence and do the Thing that is right, for that will bring a Man Peace at the

Let the same Mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus; and confess him to be the Lord, who was obedient to the Death of the Cross for the Redemption of Mankind, unto the Praise and Glory of God the Father.

The Hymn.

WH O more can
crave,
Than God for me hath
done
To free a Slave,
That gave his only Son?
Bless'd be that Hour
C 4 When

When he repair'd
 Loss,
 I never will
 Forget my SAVIOUR
 Cross.

The PRAYERS.

I.

O God, who know
 the Frailties and
 infirmities of my weak-
 ness, and in the midst
 how many Dangers
 live, being continu-
 ally subject to the Decays
 of the World, the Flesh,
 and the Devil, and having
 Power of myself to be
 overcome, mercifully

upon me; and because
 I cannot continue in
 safety without thy Suc-
 cour, preserve me ever-
 more by thy Help and
 Goodness, and keep me
 both outwardly in my
 Body, and inwardly in
 my Soul; that among
 the sundry and manifold
 Dangers of this World,
 my Heart may be set to
 attain everlasting Salva-
 tion, and my Affections
 may surely there be fixed
 where true Joys are to
 be found, through *Jesus*
Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O God, the Strength
of all that trust
thee, mercifully accept
these my humble Supp-
lications and Prayers; and
grant me the help of thy
Grace, that I may please
Thee both in Will and
Deed, and obtain thy
Peace all the Days of my
Life, through *Jesus Christ*
our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

Almighty and ever-
lasting God, I give
Thee most humble
Thanks, for that Thou
hast vouchsafed favour

ably to call me to the
Knowledge of thy Grace,
and Faith in thee. En-
crease this Knowledge,
and confirm this Faith in
me evermore. Give me
the Comfort of thy holy
Spirit, and multiply upon
me thy manifold Gifts of
Grace, the Spirit of Wis-
dom and Understanding,
the Spirit of Counsel and
Ghostly Strength, the
Spirit of Knowledge and
true Godliness; and fill
me, O Lord, with the
Spirit of thy holy Fear,
through *Christ* our Lord,
Amen.

RULES

RULES and ADVERTISE-
MENTS.

I.

*After this, you may
pass the rest of the
Day in what lawful
Recreations or Employ-
ments you judge to be
meet for you.*

II.

*Spend some while before
Night in reading, and
read with Attention, but
let your Books be chosen
with Advice and Care
for your Instruction and
Knowledge in all good
Things, and especially for
your spiritual Benefit.*

PRAY.

~~~~~  
PRAYERS

AT

## NIGHT

AND

BED-TIME.  
~~~~~

Retire yourself again.

AND when you have
thought upon all the
Day past, how you have spent
it, that is, what good or
evil Actions you have done,
and what bad Inclinations
you have resisted or amend-
ed, asking God pardon for
all your Offences, use these
Prayers.

The Psalm and Prayers.

LET my Prayer be set
forth in thy sight,
O Lord, as the Incense;
and the lifting up of
my

my Hands be as an evening Sacrifice.

In thee hath been my Hope all the Day long and under the Shadow of thy Wings shall be my Refuge Day and Night for ever.

Glory be to —

I.

O Thou Brightness of Eternity, whose Providence becometh the Day and the Night were created and governed, and who hast made the out-goings of the Morning and Evening

ing to praise Thee, mercifully vouchsafe to let the Light of Thy Countenance shine upon me with the blessed Beams of thy Goodness and Mercy, that neither the Prince of Darkness may have any Power over me, nor the Works of Darkness overwhelm me; but that by thy mighty Protection I may be defended both in Body and Soul from all the Perils and Dangers of this Night, and for evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

II.

II.

MAke me to remember that the Darknes hideth nothing from Thee, but that to Thee the Night shineth as cleare as the Day, to Thee the Darknes and the Light are both alike.

III.

O Be thou merciful unto me, and blees me; shew me the Light of thy Countenance, and be merciful unto me.

IV.

INto thy Hands I commend myself, my Soul and my Body, and

all that is mine, for Thou hast made and created them, and Thou hast redeemed us, O Thou Lord God of Mercy and Truth.

V.

THou hast created all Things, and for thy Will's sake they are, and were created.

VI.

O Send thy Light and thy Truth, that they may preserve me and save me, for Thy Mercy's sake.

Lord have mercy upon me.

Christ

Christ have mercy
me.

Lord have mercy
me.

God the Father blefs

God the Son defend

God the Holy Ghost

serve me now and
evermore. Amen.

RULES and ADVE
TISEMENTS.

After this speak
unnecessarily to
before you go to sleep. Re-
member that your Bed
a Representation of
Grave, and Sleep an Image
of Death. It becometh

not to lie down in such a
Condition as you would be
unwilling to be found or
taken in it.

Bed-Time.

Before you go into your Bed
kneel down and say,

Great Ruler of the
Day and Night,

On our Darkness cast thy
Light.

To thee, who dost by Rest
renew

My wasted Strength, I
humbly sue,

That when I shall uncloset
mine Eyes,

Pure & chaste I may arise,
And make my Morning-

Sacrifice.

In

IN the Name of God
will lay me down to
sleep, whom I beseech
bless and preserve
now and for ever. *Amen.*

*Being laid down to
lift up your Heart
God and say,*

Lighten mine Eyes,
Thou who dwellest
in Eternal Light,
have Mercy upon me
that I sleep not in Darkness.

The Almighty Lord
now and evermore
Defence against all Perils
and Dangers of this
Night. *Amen.*

FOR

FORMS

OF

Confessions

AND

PRAYERS

TO

Almighty God

FOR THE

Forgiveness of SIN.

[73]
*A most devout Confession
and Prayer for the Re-
mission of Sins.*

I.

I Have sinned before
thee, O Lord my God,
and done all Evil in thy
sight. I have sinned Sins
many in number, of ma-
ny kinds, in many places,
at many times, and often
repeated. I have sinned
large and great Sins, I
have sinned heinous and
presumptuous Sins ; they
are become burdensome
and heavy, too heavy for
me to bear, and their cry
reacheth up to Heaven.

D

II.

II.

AND what fruit
I in those things
whereof I am now ac-
cused? My Confession
daily before me, and
Shame of my Face be-
covered me.

III.

MOREOVER, my Mind
is troubled, and
am afraid of thy Judg-
ments. Woe unto
that I have done thee
things.

IV.

SEE, O Lord, how
vile I am become
and what shall I say?

how shall I open my
Mouth, or what shall I
answer, seeing I have
committed all these Sins?

V.

TO whom may I fly
for Succour? Or
who shall deliver me
from the Body of this
Death, and from the
multitude of my Trans-
gressions?

VI.

SINCE I can neither say
nor do more, I will
lift up mine Eyes to thee,
from whom cometh all
my Help.

VII.

IN many things we offend all, and justly deserve Punishment; but thy Mercy triumphs over thy Justice: and I have known Thee, Lord, thou hast been good and gracious to them that have deserved Evil.

VIII.

I Will therefore come boldly to thy Throne of Grace, that I may find Mercy in the Time of need.

IX.

HERE I insist, and plead from the dreadful Throne

Throne of thy Justice, I appeal unto the ever blessed Throne of thy Mercy.

X.

O Suffer me not to perish in my Sins. Lord carest thou not that I perish, who wilt that all shall be saved, and that none shall perish?

XI.

I Am thine, O save me. I am thine own Creature, the Work of thine own Hands, thy lowly Creature, thine humble Servant. O despise not thou the Work of thine own Hands.

XII.

BUT I am a Sinner,
and Thou, O God,
hearest not Sinners.

XIII.

YET consider, O
Lord, of what I am
made: remember that I
am but Flesh and Dust,
frail and corruptible Flesh,
and as the Dust before the
Wind. Wilt thou break
a bruised Reed? Wilt
thou blast a Leaf driven
to and fro? Wilt thou
pursue the dry Stubble?
Or wilt thou hunt after a
Flea? What shall I say or
do unto thee, O thou
Preserver

Preserver of the World?

XIV.

Wilt thou be angry
with thy Servant
that prayeth? Behold, I
have heard that they said
in *Israel*, "We will go to
the King and say, Let our
Souls live, it may be he
will save us." Is any King
more merciful than Thou?
Thou sparedst *Ahab*, be-
cause he was humble,
spare me also, O Lord;
for I humble myself before
thee.

XV.

I Cover not, I do not
dissemble, I do not

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extenuate and lessen my
Sins: I freely confess
them, I have done ex-
ceedingly amiss, I call
often to mind, and I con-
demn myself for it.

XVI.

SPARE me, O God, and
accept the Sacrifice
of a broken Spirit, a con-
trite Heart, a troubled
Mind, a wounded Con-
science, and an afflicted
Soul; because I have sin-
ned against Thee.

XVII.

WILT Thou have
Pity upon some,
and hast Thou made all
others

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others for nought? Shall
thine Enemy say, Thou
hast made us to kill us,
or because thou hatest us,
or that thou canst not,
or wilt not save us?

XVIII.

FAR be this from
Thee: But remem-
ber this, O Lord, how the
Enemy hath reproached
thee, and how the foolish
People have thus blas-
phemed thy Name.

XIX.

FOR what shall then
become of thy great
Name, of the Richness of
thy Mercy, which is over

all thy Works, of thy
Blood of thy Son, who
died for the Sins of the
World?

XX.

WHEN thou canst
not for any other
cause, yet for thy Mercy
sake, for thine abundant
Mercy in CHRIST, thou
hast said that Thou wilt
pardon us our Sins.

XXI.

WE say rightly our
Fathers trusted in
Thee: They trusted in
thee, and thou didst de-
liver them: Deliver me
also for I have trusted in
Thee.

XXII.

XXII.

I Will not let thee go,
except thou bless me.
Thou Son of *David*,
thou Son of GOD, have
mercy upon me.

XXIII.

THINE Apostle hath
not said in vain, that
thou camest into the
World to save Sinners.

XXIV.

NOW therefore, O
Lord, be merciful
unto me a Sinner, and hear
the Prayer and Supplica-
tion of thy Servant which
I have made before thee,
that thy Face may shine
upon

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upon me; and give me
though I be unworthy
thy Pardon and Peace
Amen.



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MEDITATIONS,
CONFESSIONS,

AND

PRAYERS,

BEFORE THE

RECEIVING

Of the Blessed

SACRAMENT.



ADVERTISEMENT.

*Before you come to the
Holy Sacrament.*

I.

*YOU are to prepare
yourself thereunto,*

I. *By a clean and pure
Conscience.*

II. *By a clear and assured
Faith.*

III. *By a full and perfect
Charity.*

II.

*The day before you intend to
receive the Blessed Sa-
crament, lay aside all your
Thoughts of worldly Af-
fairs, and give yourself
to retirement.*

III.

III.

Fix your Thoughts stedfastly upon God's infinite Greatness and your own Unworthiness to appear before Him.

IV.

And first (as Saint Paul hath directed you) examine yourself how you stand in the Faith, Profession and Practice of your Christian Religion, both before God and the World; how you have spent your Time, what Good or Evil you have done, what bad Inclinations you have resisted

sisted and amended, and what Offences you have committed either against God or Man.

V.

Prefixing this Prayer to remember them, and to ask Pardon for them.

The Prayer.

O My God, I most humbly beseech thee to open the Eyes of my Mind, to cleanse the Thoughts of my Heart, that I may see and acknowledge my Sins and Offences which I have daily committed in Thought,

90 *Confession and Preparation*

Thought, Word, and Deed, against thy divine Majesty; and that duty, lamenting them, I may

obtain of Thee, the God of all Mercy, perfect Remission and Forgiveness through Jesus Christ my blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

A particular Confession of Sins, referring to the several Commandments of Almighty GOD.

I Have sinned against the Lord my God, and I have offended against his holy Laws.

John 14:15

for the Sacrament. 91

And (whereof you shall find you Conscience guilty, accusing yourself, and lying.)

I have had vain and idle Thoughts, loose, light, and evil Imaginations in many kinds, I have entertained them

long, I have been negligent in chafing them from my Mind, I have taken pleasure and content in them, I have been rash and offensive in my

Words, wanton and corrupt in my Communications, and I have not kept myself from Vanity and

and Complacency in reverencing his Power and Majesty, as I should. them: Oftentimes in their forwardness and impudence of my Spirit, I have doubting his Promises, and been injurious by their not trusting to his Help. to God and Man. I have made Flesh my been negligent and careless Arm, and put my confidence in my Actions, living in the pleasing Vanities and uncertain Prosperities of the World. in liberty, and breaking too frequently the Commandments of Almighty God. I have other while been full of roving and unlawful Imaginations concerning God, and full of wandering Thoughts in his Service.

I. Whom I have not always set before mine Eyes, nor studied to know and seek him (as I ought) above all things; and knowing him, yet I have not acknowledged him, in

II. I have often framed to set up to myself

self divers Imaginations near unto him with my
and Forms of GODS Lips, when my Heart hath
Worship and Religion been far from him: I have
which he hath not too frequently, vainly and
and established in his consideration used his
Church.

I have been negligent in the Eagerness of
in giving him his external Spirit I have not ab-
Worship and Honourained from abusing it
not falling down before with rash Oaths and Exe-
Him with that invocations. My Vows and
Reverence of Spirit and Promises that I have
Truth, nor with that made in his Name, I have
outward Order and Honour not performed: Those
militie of my Body, which holy things whereon his
is requisite always to be sacred Name is set and
shewed forth and done imprinted, I have not du-
before him. ly regarded; and through

III. I have often drawn my presumptuous Vanities,

near

ties, I have been an occasion to make his Name be evil spoken of, and profaned by others.

IV. I have often alienated myself from the publick Worship and Service of his Holy Assemblies and Sanctuary; vainly mispending the Days that are hallowed to the Honour of his great Name.

V. I have not carried that Reverence and Regard, nor given that due Obedience which I ought to them whom God hath placed over me, seeking rather my own will and pleasure

Pleasure, than submitting myself to their lawful Precepts and Advice. I

have too much disregarded the Persons of my Betters, and been unthankful to them that have deserved well of me.

VI. I have not done to all others, as I would that they should do to me; I have envied their Welfare, the better and more prosperous Life of others above my own. I

have often let the reins of my Passion loose to Anger, Malice, and Revenge; uncharitably de-

E lighting

lighting in the mischief
and destruction of my
own private or peculiar
Enemies. When out of
my abundance I might
have relieved others that
were in want, I have many
times neglected it.

VII. I have often suffered my fancy and affections to wander licentiously: I have not held mine Eyes nor mine Ears nor my Tongue from Vanity. I have not carefully eschewed the Occasions and Enticements to corrupt and vain Affections: I have not preferred

my Body in that Holiness, Honour and Purity which becometh the Temple of God.

VIII. I have not reckoned Godliness to be my greatest Gain, nor been content with that which I possessed.

IX. I have listened to Flattery and used it towards others; of many I have had evil Suspitions, and given rash Judgment upon them. Upon myself I have set a greater value than I deserved, and seemed better than I was; that I might gain a

false Reputation from others. And I have often suffered Truth to be gained.

X. I am guilty of many inordinate Desires, and irregular Affections.

And wo is me, that in all these things I have offended; for if in all these things my Heart should not condemn me, God is greater than my Heart and knoweth all things. But I confess them, and confessing am sorry for them, and being sorry for them, am ready to leave them, his

Grace

Grace thereunto assisting me; and not only to leave them, but to judge myself for them; with all religious Lowliness and Humility, submitting myself freely to the pious Directions and Advice that shall be given me by my Spiritual Governors and Ministers of God, for shewing forth the Fruits of my Sorrow and Repentance, meet for Amendment of Life. And though I be altogether Unworthy, yet for the Worth and Merits of my Saviour, in whose Merits and

Mercy I put my whole
Trust and Confidence,
being (as he is) the Pro-
pitiator not only for my
Sins, but for all the Sins
of the World, I most
humbly crave Pardon and
Absolution from them,
and from all my other
Sins which I may have
now forgotten, and
whereof my Conscience
may be afraid.



MEDITATIONS
AND
PRAYERS
AT THE
Holy Communion,

Referring to

- I. PURITY.
- II. FAITH.
- III. CHARITY.

*Meditations and Prayer
at the holy Communion.*

I.

Purity.

I Will wash my Hands
in Innocency, O Lord,
and so will I go to thine
Altar; I will come into
thine House in the multi-
tude of thy Mercies, and
in thy Fear will I worship
Thee towards thy holy
Footstool. For *Christ* our
Passover is offered; Let
us therefore keep the
Feast, not with the Lea-
ven of Malice and Wick-
edness; but with the un-
leavened Bread of Since-
rity and Truth. *The*

The Prayer.

O Lord, cleanse the
Thoughts of my
Heart by the Inspiration
of thy Holy Spirit, that
my Body may be made
clean by the pure Body of
my Saviour *Jesus Christ*
once offered upon the
Cross, and that my Soul
may be washed by his
most precious Blood there
shed for me, and that he
may abide with me for
ever. *Amen.*

II.

Faith.

I believe, Lord help
mine unbelief.

I Believe that God our
Heavenly Father did
of his tender Mercy give
his only Son, *Jesus Christ*,
to suffer Death upon the
Cross for the Redempti-
on of the World. I be-
lieve that he made there
by the Oblation of him-
self once offered, a per-
fect Sacrifice and Satisfac-
tion for our Sins. I be-
lieve that this Sacrament
was ordained for the con-
tinual Remembrance of
that

that his Death and Sacri-
fice, and for the Benefits
we all receive by it. I be-
lieve that I shall here par-
take of the spiritual Food
and most precious Body
and Blood of Christ, the
Bread of Life that came
down from Heaven, the
Blood that hath been car-
ried up into the holy Pla-
ces, and the Cup of Eter-
nity. For they that eat of
this Bread, and drink of
this Cup, shall live for
ever.

The Prayer.

O My God, what are
we, that thou so
regardedst

regardedst us to give thy
 self for us, to give thy
 self to us, to be one with
 us, that we may have Life
 in us, even Life immortal,
 which will quicken us
 and raise us up at the last
 Day? O my Lord, I am
 not worthy, not worthy
 the least of thy Mercies;
 how much less of this,
 which is the greatest,
 greater than the World,
 greater than the Heavens,
 greater than all the
 Treasures of Heaven and
 Earth; but, I beseech
 Thee, look upon me in
 the greatness of thy Mer-

cies,

cies, not weighing my
 Merits, but pardoning
 mine Offences. *Amen.*

III.

Charity.

THIS is a Sacrament
 of Love, and this
 is thy Commandment,
 that we should love one
 another, even as Thou
 hast loved us; for we be-
 ing many, are one Body,
 whereof Christ our Lord
 is the Head.

The Prayer.

O Thou blessed and
 undivided Trinity,
 which teacheth us that
 all

all our Doings without
 Love and Unity are no
 thing worth, send into
 all our Hearts that most
 excellent Gift of Char-
 ity, and inflame our Souls
 with the celestial Fire of
 thy Love, that living
 together in unity of Spi-
 rit and the Bond of
 Peace among ourselves
 we may perfectly love
 Thee, and worthily mag-
 nify thy holy Name,
 through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A LITANY
*Privately to be used before
 the Receiving of the Holy
 Communion.*

O God the Father,
 O God the Son, and
 O God the Holy Ghost,
 the most Holy, Blessed,
 and Glorious Trinity,

Have mercy upon me.

O Thou immaculate
 Lamb of God, who tak-
 est away the Sins of the
 World,

Have mercy upon me.

O Christ, the eternal
 Son of the Father, the Re-
 deemer and Preserver of
 Men, the Bread and Life
 of

of the World, the Author and Finisher of our Faith, the great Myftery of Godlineſs, the Word that was made Fleſh, to ſave thy Servants from their Sins,

Have mercy upon me.

Save me, O God, for I come unto Thee in the multitude of thy Mercies, and in thy Fear will I fall down and worſhip Thee in thy holy Temple, that Thou mayſt

Have mercy upon me.

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender Mercies, and thy loving-kind-

kindneſs which has been ever of old. O remember not the Sins and Frailties of thy Servant, but ſpare me, O Lord, ſpare me for thy Goodneſs, and

Have mercy upon me.

From my Unworthineſs to receive thy bleſſed Body and Blood, by which thou haſt redeemed me; from all carnal, vain, and earthly Imaginations in this thy holy Sacrament, from all miſbelief and incredulity of thy Word; from all defects of Sanctity, Love, and

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and Charity; from
my Sins and Iniquities,

Good Lord deliver me.

By that fervent ardour
of Goodness and Charity,
wherewith thou camest
down from Heaven, bright-
ly blessed Cross and
Passion, and by the mys-
terious Institution of this
thy holy Sacrament,

Good Lord deliver me.

By thy most sacred Be-
dy, which was broken for
crucified; by thy most
precious Blood which was
shed and poured forth for
the Sins of the World,

Good Lord deliver me.

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O Lord God, I beseech
thee to hear me, and that
it may please thee to give

us all true Faith and Re-
pentance, with devout

Humility and Reverence,

to cele-
brate this thy holy Sacra-

ment, in memory of thy

most hallowed, true, and

propitiatory Sacrifice;

with a firm Faith to re-

ceive thy blessed Myste-

ries, and to give Thanks

unto thy Name.

O Lord, I beseech Thee

to bear me.

That it may please thee

to accept this our bound-

den

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den Duty and Service
our Sacrifice of Prayer
and Thanksgiving,
Memorial that we now
make of thine own Death
and Sacrifice, which was
once offered for us, and
grant that by the Merit
and Power thereof, we
and all thy Servants may
receive Remission of our
Sins, and be filled with
thy Grace and heavenly
Benediction.

O Lord, I beseech Thee
to hear me.

O Lord God, Lamb of
God, Son of the Father,
thou that takest away
the

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the Sins of the World,
Receive my Prayer.

When you are ready to re-
ceive the holy Sacrament
in each kind, do it with
the greatest Reverence &
Devotion that you can,
(yet without all Affectati-
on and Singularity) lift-
ing up your Hands and
your Heart to God.

And after you have Recei-
ved, lift up your Hands
again, and say devoutly
with yourself, while o-
thers receive,

I.

Blessed art Thou, O
Lord; Blessing and
Honour

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Honour and Glory, wants whom when their
unto thee, O thou Lord cometh he shall
of God, for evermore find thus doing.
Amen. VI.

II.

This is the Lord's Supper, Honour be unto him
ing, and it is marvellous that sitteth upon the
in our Eyes. Throne of Heaven, now
and for ever. *Amen.*

III.

I will magnify thee, O Lord, and will praise thy
Name for ever and ever. *Thanksgiving after the
Holy Communion.*

IV.

All thy Works praise thee, O Lord, and thy
Saints give Thanks unto thee for ever, who hast now
Thee. conchafed to feed me
with the Bread of Life,
and hast given me to
drink

V.

Happy are those Servants
who have partaken of this

drink the Cup of Eternity, the holy and heavenly Mysteries of the Body and Blood of my Saviour, thereby assuring my Soul of thy Favour and Goodness towards me, for the Sealing of my Faith, for the Pardon of my Sins, for the obtaining of my Peace, and all other Benefits of Christ's blessed Passion.

I now most humbly beseech Thee to assist me with thy Heavenly Grace, that I may continue thine for ever, and be made a Temple of thy holy

Holy Spirit; and that having Christ now dwelling in me by Faith, I may accomplish the rest of my Life in Repentance and godly Fear, in mortifying my own sinful Desires, and in keeping thy Holy Commandments. For which end guide me with thy Power, enlighten me with thy Word, and quicken me with thy Spirit. Elevate my Senses, compose my Manners, and order my Conversation aright; for thou art able to do abundantly
F above

above all that I can ask through the Blood of his
think: by which thy great Everlasting Testament,
and bountiful Goodness make me perfect in every
towards me, thou wilt good Work to do his Will,
glorify thy Name in me, and that which is well-
and bring me at last to pleasing in his Sight,
thine Eternal Kingdom through the same Jesus
of Glory, through Him Christ our Lord: To
who is the King of Glory whom, with the Father
ry, my blessed Lord and the Holy Ghost, be
Saviour Jesus Christ. A Glory for ever. Amen.
men.

Heb. 13. **T**HE God of
Peace who
brought again from the
Dead our Lord Jesus
CHRIST, the great
Shepherd of his Flock
through



F 2 PRAY-

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PRAYERS upon sundry
Occasions.
When you are upon
Journey.

I.

THE Almighty Lord
be now and ever
more my Defence, to
bless me and preserve me
from all Evil in my go-
ing out, and my coming
in, and give his Angels
charge over me, to keep
me in all my Ways.

II.

IF God will be with
me and keep me in
this Way that I go, so
that I come to my Home
in

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in Peace; then shall I
give Thanks and pay my
Vows unto him.

III.

O God, who knowest
us to be set in the
midst of many Dangers,
grant that by thy mighty
Aid I may be defended
from all things that may
hurt me either in Body
or Soul, through *Christ*
our Lord. Amen.

IV.

Dispose and Govern
the Way of thy Ser-
vant, O Lord, and fur-
ther me with thy graci-
ous and continual Help,
F 3 that

that in all my Doings be
gun, continued, and ended
in thee, I may glorify
thy holy Name, and
keep myself by thy most
mighty Protection in the
Ways of thy Laws, and
Paths of thy Command-
ments for the Attainment
of everlasting Rest and
Peace in thy Heavenly
Kingdom, through *Christ*
our Lord. *Amen.*

V.

SHow me thy Ways, O
Lord, and teach me
thy Paths; for I lift up
my Soul unto thee. Lead
me forth in thy Truth
and

and learn me; for thou
art the God of my Salva-
tion; in thee hath been
my Hope all the Day
long. *Amen.*

P R A Y E R S

*In the Time of any sudden
Danger or Distress.*

I.

Almighty and Ever-
lasting God, mer-
cifully look upon me,
and in this Time of Dan-
ger and Necessity stretch
forth thine Hand to suc-
cour and defend me,
through *Christ* our Lord.
Amen.

II.

THE Almighty Lord
who is a strong
Tower of Defence a-
gainst all the Perils, As-
saults, and Tribulations
of this World, be now
and evermore my Aid
and Protector, through
JESUS CHRIST our blef-
sed Lord and Saviour.
Amen.

III.

From Lightning and
Tempest, from all
Evil and Mischief, and
from sudden Death,
Good Lord deliver me.

PRAY-

*In the Time of Sicknes
and Affliction.*

I.

SAVE me, O King of
Heaven, and hear
me when I call upon
thee, for I am in Affliction
and Heaviness. Thou
art a Defence for the Op-
pressed, and a Refuge in
the needful Time of
Trouble: Look down
from Heaven and visit
me with thy Salvation.

II.

I Know that it is thy
Hand, and that thou
Lord hast done it, and
thy Doings are always
just;

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just: But thou art al-
good and gracious, and
of great Mercy to them
that call upon thee. Thou
upholdest all them that
are fallen, and liftest up
those that be down.

III.

I Know that of very
faithfulness thou hast
caused me to be troubled
that I might call upon
thy Name.

IV.

AND now, Lord,
what is my Hope?
Truly my Hope is even
in Thee. For thou art the
Hope of all the Ends of
the

the Earth, the Aid of all
that need, the Help of all
that fly to Thee for Suc-
cor. O turn Thee unto
me, and shew me the
Light of thy Counte-
nance, that I may be
made whole and give
Thanks unto thy Name.

V.

O GOD, favourably
with Mercy hear
my Prayers, and grant
that all those Things
which I suffer for my
Sins, I may well bear and
overcome, by thy most
gracious and ready Help,
through *Christ* our Lord.
Amen.

VI.

VI.

O Do well unto thy
Servant; that I may
live and keep thy Com-
mandments.

VII.

Mercifully, O Lord,
look upon mine
Infirmity, and for the
Glory of thy Name turn
from me all those Evils
that I most righteously
have deserved, and grant
that in all my Troubles I
may put my whole Trust
and Confidence in thy
Mercy, and evermore
serve thee in Holiness and
pureness of living, to thy
Honour

Honour and Glory, thro'
our only Mediator and
Advocate *Jesus Christ* our
Lord. *Amen.*

*Meditations in the time of
Sickness, upon the great
Mercies of God.*

I.

WHEN we are judg-
ed we are chast-
ned of the Lord, that we
may not be condemned
with the World.

II.

Refuse not the Correc-
tion of the Almight-
ty; it is the Lord, let him
do what seems good in
his own Eyes.

III.

III.

AS it pleaseth the Lord
so comes every
thing to pass. Blessed be
the Name of the Lord.

IV.

GOD is the Lord of
Life and Death, of
Sickness and of Health,
by whose Appointment
we were born, and by
whose Commandment a-
gain we must die; our
time is in his Hand, and
to him belong the Issues
of Death.

V.

GOD is meek and
gentle, ready to
accept

accept our Sorrow and
Repentance for Sin.

VI.

HE is exceeding slow
to Anger, and not
easily provoked, he seeth
our Sins, and makes as if
he saw them not; he ma-
ny times over-looketh
them, and by his Long-
suffering passeth them by
as loth to see them.

VII.

WHEN he cannot but
see, yet he for-
bears and is patient:
Forbears long, suffers
long, many times many
Years.

VIII.

VIII.

WHEN he can suffer
and stay no longer,
but punish he must, he
doth it against his Will;
and when he is angry,
he containeth himself in
it, and suffereth not his
whole Displeasure to arise.

IX.

HE is angry, but not
according to our de-
serts, nothing so much;
He is angry, but not long,
it endures but a little
while, and in his Wrath
he thinketh upon Mer-
cy; he thinks every
Stripe two, and is
quickly

quickly weary; he re-
pents him of the Evil,
and is soon appeased.

X.

HE will have none to
perish, but have all
to be saved; he willeth
not the Death of a Sin-
ner, but that he should
repent and live.

XI.

NOT of any Sinner;
not of a *Manasses*,
not of *Rahab*, not of
Mary Magdalen, not of
Saint Paul, who was
once a chief Sinner.

XII.

XII.

FOR Christ came into
the World to save
Sinners, and of them
that come unto him be-
casteth none out.

*A Thanksgiving after Re-
covery from Sicknes.*

I.

O Lord, thou hast dealt
graciously with thy
Servant, according to thy
great Goodness and Mer-
cy. Before I was trou-
bled, I went astray; but
now I will take heed to
my Ways, that I swerve
not from thy Precepts.

It

It was good for me that
I have been in Trou-
ble, that I may learn
to obey thy Command-
ments.

II.

Righteous art thou, O
Lord, and true are
thy Judgments. Trou-
ble and Heaviness have
taken hold upon me, but
my sure Trust hath been
in thy Mercy. O let my
Soul live, and it shall
praise thee, and thy Judg-
ments shall help me.

III.

I Will always give
Thanks unto the
Lord,

Lord, his Praise shall ever be in my Mouth. O Lord my God, I cried unto Thee, and Thou hast healed me. Thou hast turned my Heaviness into Joy, and girded me with Gladness, therefore will I sing of thy Praise without ceasing, and give Thanks unto Thee for ever.

VI.

I Sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me out of all my Trouble; for the Angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear

fear him, and delivereth them. The Eyes of the Lord are over the Righteous, and his Ears are open unto their Prayers.

V.

WHAT Reward shall I give unto the Lord for all the Benefits that he hath done unto me? I will take the Cup of Salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord. I will offer to Thee the Sacrifice of Thanksgiving, evermore praising Thee, and saying, O Holy Lord God Almighty, Thou art worthy,

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worthy, O Lord, to receive Honour and Glory and Power: for Thou hast created all Things, and for thy Will's sake they are and were created.

VI.

Blessing and Honour, and Glory, and Thanksgiving, and Power, and Might, be unto the Lord our God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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Prayer I.

O Blessed Lord, who
 in thine infinite
 Mercy didst vouchsafe to
 plant a glorious Church
 among us, and now in
 thy just Judgment hast
 permitted our Sins and
 Pollies to root it up;
 be pleased at last to re-
 sume Thoughts of Peace
 towards us, that we may
 be like to one ano-
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ther. Lord, look down from Heaven, the Habitation of thy Holiness, and behold the Ruins of a desolate Church; and compassionate to see her in the Dust. Behold her, O Lord, not only broken but crumbled, divided into so many Sects and Factions, that she no longer represents the Ark of the God of *Israel*, where the Covenant and the Manna were conserved, but the Ark of *Noah*, filled with all various Sorts of unclean Beasts: And to

complete

complete our Misery and Guilt, the Spirit of Division hath insinuated itself as well into our Affections as our Judgments; that Badge of Discipleship which thou recommendest to us is cast off, and all the contrary Wrath and Bitterness, Anger and Clamour, called in to maintain and widen our Breaches. O Lord, how long shall we thus violate and defame that Gospel of Peace, that we profess! How long shall we thus madly de-

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feat ourselves, lose that
 Christianity which we
 pretend to strive for! O
 thou which makest Men
 to be of one Mind in an
 House, be pleased so to
 unite us, that we may be
 perfectly joined together
 in the same Mind, and
 in the same Judgment.
 And now that in Civil
 Affairs there seems some
 Aptness to a Composure,
 O let not our Spiritual
 Differences be more un-
 reconcilable. Lord, let
 not the roughest Winds
 blow out of the Sanctua-
 ry, let not those which

should be Embassadors
 for Peace, still sound a
 Trumpet for War; but
 thou reveal Thyself
 to all our *Elijahs* in that
 small Voice, which
 may teach them to echo
 Thee in the like meek-
 ness with others.
 Lord, let no unseasona-
 ble Stiffness of those that
 are in the Right, no per-
 verse Obstinacy of those
 that are in the Wrong,
 hinder the closing of our
 Wounds; but let the
 one instruct in Meek-
 ness, and be thou pleas-
 ed to give the other Re-

penitance to the Acknowledgment of the Truth. To this End do thou, O Lord, mollify all exasperated Minds, take off all Animosities and Prejudices, Contempt and Heart-burnings, and by uniting their Hearts prepare for the reconciling their Opinions: And that nothing may intercept the clear sight of thy Truth, Lord, let all private and secular Designs be totally rejected, that Gain may no longer be the Measure of our Godliness;

ness; but that the one great and common Consent of Truth and Peace may be unanimously and vigorously pursued. Lord, the Hearts of all Men are in thy Hands, O be thou pleased to let thy Spirit of Peace overshadow the Minds of all contending Parties; and if it be thy Will, restore this Church to her pristine State, renew her Days as of old; let her escape out of Egypt be so entire, that not an Hoof may be left behind: But if thy Wisdom

dom see it not yet a Season for so full a Deliverance, Lord, defer not, we beseech thee, such a degree of it, as may at least secure her a Being; if she cannot recover her Beauty, yet, O Lord grant her Health, such a Soundness of Constitution as may preserve her from Dissolution. Let thy Providence find out some good *Samaritans* to cure her present Wounds: And to whomsoever thou shalt commit that important Work, Lord, give them skilful

skilful Hands and compassionate Hearts; direct them to such Applications as may most speedily, and yet most soundly heal the Hurt of the Daughter of *Sion*: and make them so advert to the Interests both of Truth and Peace, that no lawful Condescension may be omitted, nor anything unlawful made. And thou who art both the wonderful Counselor and Prince of Peace, to guide and prosper all specific Endeavours, that all our Distractions may

be composed, and our *Jerusalem* may again become a City at Unity in itself; that those happy primitive Days may at length revert, wherein Vice was the only Heresy; that all our intestine Contentions may be converted into a vigorous Opposition of our common Enemy; our unbrotherly Feuds into a Christian Zeal against all that exalts itself against the Obedience of Christ. Lord hear us, and ordain Peace for us, even for his Sake whom
Thou

Thou hast ordained our Peacemaker, *Jesus Christ* our Lord.

Prayer II.

O Most gracious Lord, who dost not afflict willingly, nor grieve the Children of Men, who smitest not till the Importunity of our Sins enforce thee, and then correctest in Measure; we thy unworthy Creatures humbly acknowledge that we have abundantly tasted of this Patience and Lenity of thine. To what an enormous

enormous Height were
 our Sins arrived, ere
 thou didst begin to visit
 them! and when thou
 couldest no longer for-
 bear, yet mastering thy
 Power, thou hast not
 proportioned thy Ven-
 geance to our Crimes,
 but to thy own gracious
 Design of reducing and
 reclaiming us. Lord,
 had the first Stroke of
 thy Hand been extermi-
 nating, our Guilt had
 justified the Method;
 but thou hast proceeded
 by such easy and gentle
 degrees, as witness how
 much

much thou desiredst to
 be interrupted and shew
 us that all that sad
 Weight we have long
 groaned under, hath
 been accumulated, only
 by our own Incorrige-
 bleness. It is now, O
 Lord, these many Years
 that this Nation hath
 been in the Furnace, and
 yet our Dross wastes not
 but increases; and it is
 owing only to thy un-
 speakable Mercy, that
 we who would not be
 purified are not con-
 sumed; that we remain
 a Nation, who cease not
 to

to be a most sinful and
provoking Nation. O
Lord, let not this Long-
suffering of thine serve
only to upbraid our Ob-
stinacy, and enhance our
Guilt; but let it at last
have the proper Effect
on us, melt our Hearts,
and lead us to Repent-
ance. And, O that this
may be the Day for us,
thus to discern the things,
that belong to our Peace!
that all who are (yea,
and all who are not)
cast down this Day in
an external Humiliation,
may by the Operation of
thy

thy mighty Spirit have
their Souls laid prostrate
before thee in a sincere
Contrition! O thou who
canst out of the very
Stones raise up Children
unto *Abraham*, work our
stony flinty Hearts into
such a Temper as may
be susceptible of the Im-
pressions of thy Grace,
that all the Sinners in
Sion may tremble; that
we may not by a perse-
vering Obstinacy seal to
ourselves both temporal
and eternal Ruin, but in-
stead of our mutinous
complaining at the Pu-
nishments

nishments of our Sins,
 search and try our Ways,
 and turn again to the
 Lord: O be thou pleas-
 ed to grant us this one
 grand fundamental Mer-
 cy, that we who so im-
 patiently thirst after a
 Change without us, may
 render that possible and
 safe by this better and
 more necessary Change
 within us; that our Sins
 may not, as they have
 so often done, interpose
 and eclipse that Light
 which now begins to
 break out upon us.
 Lord, thy Dove seems
 to

to approach us with an
 Olive-Branch in her
 Mouth: O let not our
 Sin and Noisomness
 drive her away; but
 grant us that true Re-
 pentance which may a-
 tone thee, and that Chris-
 tian Charity which may
 reconcile us with one
 another. Lord, let not
 our Breach either with
 thee, or among our-
 selves, be incurable, but
 by making up the first,
 prepare us for the Heal-
 ing of the latter. And
 because, O Lord, the
 Way to make us one
 Fold

Fold is to have one Shepherd; be pleased to put us all under the Conduct of him to whom that Charge belongs; bow the Hearts of this People as of one Man, that the only Contention may be, who shall be most forward in bringing back our *David*. O let none reflect on their past Guilt, as an Argument to persevere, but repent, and to make their Return so sincere as may qualify them, not only for his but thy Mercy. And, Lord, be pleased

be pleased so to guide the Hearts of all who shall be intrusted with that great Concernment of settling this Nation, that they may weigh all their Deliberations in the Balance of the Sanctuary, that Conscience, not Interest, may be the ruling Principle, and that they may render to *Cæsar* the things that are *Cæsar's*, and to God the things that are God's; that they may become Healers of our Breaches and happy Repairers of the sad

sad Ruins both in Church
 and State: And grant, O
 Lord, that as those Sins
 which made them are
 become National, so the
 Repentance may be Na-
 tional also, and that e-
 videnced by the proper
 Fruits of it, by Zeal for
 restoring the Rights
 both of Thee and thine
 Anointed. And do thou,
 O Lord, so dispose all
 Hearts, and remove all
 Obstacles, that none may
 have the Will, much
 less the Power, to hin-
 der his peaceable Resti-
 tution.

And, Lord, let
 him bring with him an
 Heart so entirely devot-
 ed to thee, that he may
 with his own Honour
 only as a Means to ad-
 vance thine. O let the
 Precepts and Example
 of his Blessed Father
 never depart from his
 Mind; and as thou
 wert pleased to perfect
 the one by suffering, so
 perfect the other by act-
 ing thy Will; that he
 may be a blessed Instru-
 ment of replanting the
 Power instead of the
 Form

Form of Godliness among us, of restoring Christian Virtue in a profane and almost barbarous Nation. And if any wish him for any distant Ends, if any desire his Shadow as a Shelter for their Riots and Licentiousness, O let him come a great, but happy Defeat to all such, not bring Fuel, but Cure to their inordinate Appetites; and by his Example as a Christian, and his Authority, as a King, so

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invite to Good, and restrain from Evil, that they may not only release us from temporal but our spiritual Bondage, suppress those foul and scandalous Vices which have so long captivated us, and by securing our forward, provide for the perpetuating our outward Peace. Lord establish thou his Throne in Righteousness; make him a signal Instrument of thy Glory and our Happiness, and let him reap the Fruits of it in Comfort

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Comfort here, and in
Bliss hereafter; so that
this Earthly Crown
may serve to enhance
and enrich his Heaven-
ly. Grant this, O King
of Kings, for the Sake
and Intercession of our
Blessed Mediator *Jesus*
Christ.

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